

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-18 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-10 have been canceled, and new Claims 11-18 have been added. Original Claims 1-10 were based on original Claims 1-8, as filed in the Article 34 Amendments, and original Claims 9 and 10, as originally filed. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for new Claims 11-15 and 17 can be found in original Claims 1-5 and 7, respectively. Particular support for new Claim 16 can be found in original Claim 6, and on pages 12-28 of the specification. Particular support for new Claim 18 can be found in original Claim 8, and on pages 11 and 12 of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the new claims.

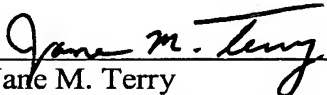
Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

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